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SUBJECT:CONTINUATION OF OPERATION TORDO PROGRAM

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR CLEARANCE OF SHIPMENT TO CAPE PARRY, NWT, FOR ONGOING TORDO PROGRAM. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT GOC OFFICIALS, BOTH AT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NRC), INDICATED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUATION OF TORDO PROGRAM FOLLOWING SPRING BRIEFING IN OTTAWA BY LASL OFFICIAL, AND NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THIS SHIPMENT, EMBASSY AND EXTAFF "STRETCHING A POINT" AND CLEARING SHIPMENT THROUGH TO CAPE PARRY.

2. IT IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER, THAT DEPT ACT PROMPTLY TO AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO DELIVER NOTE OUTLINING CONTINUING PROGRAM IN BRIEF TERMS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY LAST OFFICIAL WHEN HE BRIEFED GOC OFFICIALS. (NOTE SHOULD BE ALONG LINE DISCUSSED BY EMBASSY SCICOUNS WITH OES/SCI/AE WHEN HE WAS IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION IN APRIL AND SHOULD SPECIFICALLY REQUEST APPROVAL OF GOC IN PRINCIPLE FOR ENTIRE VISUALIZED TORDO PROGRAM WITH MUTUAL CAVEAT THAT SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF SUCCESSIVE NOTES AS REQUIRED. THIS IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE BUDGETARY AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL IN A PROGRAM PROJECTED TO EXTEND OVER A PROTRACTED PERIOD OF TIME.)

3. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED EARLY IN OPERATION

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TORDO HAVE BEEN FULLY RESOLVED. THERE EXISTS AT THE PRESENT TIME

CONSIDERABLE GOOD WILL ON THE PART OF CANADAIN AUTHORITIS AS
EVIDENCED BY THEIR WILLINGNESS TO EXPEDITE SHIPMENT TO CAPE PARRY.
IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE PRESENT COOPERATIVE RELATIONAHSIP, IT IS
MOST IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT A PROPER FOUNDATION BE PROVIDED FOR IT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUEST THAT DEPT
PROVIDE GUIDANCE ASAP FOR A NOTE ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED ABOVE
AND AUTHORIZE ITS DELIVERY TO GOC.
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